(d) the reaction of Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINSTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCACATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by UGC, the High-Powered Committee appointed by the UGC under the Chairmanship of Justice K. Punnayya to examine the present financial situation in regard; to Central Universities, Deemed Universities, Delhi Colleges and technical institutions funded by the Government of India and to make recommendations about their financial needs has not submitted its report to the Commission as yet.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

National Steering Committee on Text Books

163. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to elevate the status of the existing National Steering Committee on text-book evaluation to that of a National Commission vesting it with certain statutory powers to guard against the distortion of school text-books by State Governments on communal lines; and

(b) if so, when the National Commission is expected to be set up and what would be the composition of the Commission ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process of setting up of the National Commission requires a number of procedural steps including consultations with the concerned Ministries of Government of India. As such, it is not possible to give a time limit for establishment of the Commission and its exact composition.

Scheme for Promoting Youth Activities in Tamil Nadu

164. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special scheme for promoting youth activities in the backward and rural areas in the country had been started; and

(b) if so, what is the amount spent on youth activities in backward and rural areas of Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir. A new scheme by the name of Special scheme for Promotion of youth activities among the youth of Backward Tribes was started in the year 1990-91 with a budget estimates of Rs. 1.00 crore.

(b) A sum of Rs. 4.10 lakh was spent by way of grants by the Govt. in Tamil Nadu since 1990-91 on the youth activities among backward tribes.

National Nutrition Policy

165. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the National Nutrition Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented ?